

A Curious Story.

New York News.
Another curious incident. It was reported at Pekin, Ill., on the body of a man found in the river, and declared that the late deceased had come to his death by a blow on the head, inflicted either before or after he was drowned.

Shooting Spoons in France.

New York News.
An attempt is about to be made to acclimatize sponges on the shores of France and Algeria. The chief difficulty will be in the transportation of the plants. It will be about three years before the transplanted sponges will be fit to cut for sale. Sponges fetch high prices, and the project is expected to pay well.

Line Kila Club Domestic Economy.

Domestic Team.
The following resolution, forwarded by Brother Blackberry Davis, of Mobile, Ala., was then introduced:

Resolved, that it am de duty of de Lime Kila Club to encourage de organization of a culted society for de disculation and dispensation of domestic economy.

The resolution being open to debate, Bullrush Jinks took the floor and hoped it would prevail. Shiftlessness in domestic matters was the cause of the colored race. He had known a family to have thrown a bushel of brown potatoes into the alley, when the same would have made a score of rich puddings, or could have been saved to lend to the neighbours in the place of sound ones.

Uncle Luther Perkins hoped to see such a society formed without delay. Domestic economy was the last thing thought of in the average coloured household. He knew plenty of families who lived on fried oysters one day and bean soup the next.

Several other members spoke in the same vein, and the resolution was put to vote and adopted. Brother Gardner then appointed Nelson Slabs, Carl Anderson and Transparent Smith as a committee to organize such a society, and suggested following points to be considered, investigated, and promulgated:

1. Is it better to go without table butter than to be without two big yaller dogs?
2. Isn't it possible to invent a mince pie with cabbage and carrots for a foundation?
3. Can't potato skins and apple parings be worked over into a pudding for the children?
4. Do we eat more than is really necessary? Isn't the variety greater than the health demands? Don't the men who fill up on pudding and milk feel just as good half an hour after eating as the man who has feasted at a first-class hotel?

A California Duck-Trap.

Sierra Valley Leader.
As the storm somewhat subsided last Monday, Quin Fletcher thought he would go out and see if he could kill a few of the ducks that, immediately after a snow storm, are found abundantly in the spring holes in different parts of the valley. Mounting his snow-shoes, he proceeded to the vicinity of the Hot Springs. As he was slipping along over five or six feet of snow, his eye on the lookout for game, he heard the distant quack of a duck nearly beneath his feet. Surprised, he ran his snow-shoes into the snow, and made an opening into what appeared to be a cave. Immediately a big mallard flew out, which was quickly knocked endwise with his pole. Another big duck then came out, which he caught in his hand and wrung its neck. Then another popped out, which met the same fate; then another, until thirty-eight ducks lay dead at the hunter's feet. Being curious to know what sort of a place he had struck, Fletcher made a larger opening, and found that he was just above a large spring hole about twelve feet in diameter. The ducks, during the storm had taken refuge there, it being protected by a bank on the windward side. The violent wind had drifted snow from the bank over the pool, forming at first a shelf and at last a complete roof, and the birds were securely imprisoned. If Mr. Fletcher had not discovered their retreat, they would probably have starved to death before the sun released them from their curious confinement.

Incidentally is a great snucker when fishing.

A New Year's Story.

New York News.
Ragged and dirty, but bright as a star, Edward Broderick, twelve years old, a typical New York newsboy, was arraigned for examination before Justice Duffy at the Tombs police court on complaint of a policeman that he had overcharged a traveller for carrying a satchel. The boy had been locked up for three days.

"What did you charge the man?" asked the justice.
"Half a dollar," replied the boy.
"It was first charge. Why, de baggage weighed a hundred pound, and most broke my back. I carried it from de Fall River boat to Broadway. He hadn't order kick."

"They say you are a regular baggage smasher. Is that so?"
"I never smashed nothing, but I'm fit enough catchin' on to old folks all the same."

"Where do you live?"
"Hain't got no home but a lodgin' house."

"Where's your father and mother?"
"I never saw any."

"Do you support yourself?"
"Why, of course I does. The police wouldn't do it for me, would they? I kin get along if dey leaves me alone."

"Homeless, friendless, twelve years old and full of pluck," soliloquized the justice, and he added aloud, "Boy, you are discharged!"
"Here Johnny," said several spectators of the scene, and dimes and quarters were dropped into the lad's hand. He began to cry at this, and ran out sobbing, "Youse be mighty good to a poor duffer like me."

A Bridegroom's Tribulations.

London Times.
Probably the most annoying and impatient journey ever made in Caledonia County was made on Thursday by George Richardson in his second trip from Danville to Upper Waterford. George had engaged to enter into a partnership of marriage with a Danville young lady. He left home in Waterford in good season, and drove to Danville, expecting to get his certificate, but learned that the minister required a certificate from the Waterford town clerk. He called on his charmer, promised not to be long absent, and then put the bird to his home on his way to Waterford, fifteen miles distant. Obtaining his certificate, he returned in due haste, got the minister, and prepared for the wedding. Before the anxious couple stood up together the minister read the certificate, and called George's attention to the fact that it was no good because the town clerk had neglected to sign it. It was at this point that George's eloquence was brought into full play in attempting to persuade the divine performer to service and wait for the signature, which certainly should be obtained. Neither tears nor eloquence could prevail, and it was this second ride to Waterford which we have looked as probably the most impatient and distressing ride that ever occurred in the county. However, George succeeded before midnight in getting his other half legally attached to him, but whether the license which was called into service that night will ever be good for anything again is a question.

The Dead Child.

New Orleans Times-Democrat.
The other day a New Orleans man had occasion to go over the lake. On his way back, when the train was at the bay, he noticed a man getting in front of him with a little baby in his arms. After the train had got under way the conductor came along and said: "Come with me; I want to show you the saddest and strangest sight you ever saw," and he led the way into the next car. There the man he had noticed with the baby; his precious little bundle lay quiet on the seat in front of him, and as these other two men watched, he leaned over and looked long and earnestly in the little face, and then kissed the frail fingers; he held so gently in his hand. "That baby's dead," said the conductor. "It died this morning at the bay. He couldn't bear to put it in a coffin, because then it would have to go without him in the baggage car, and so he just carrying it home to New Orleans in his arms." Stricken at the heart's core, he sat there quiet and unheeding, watching over his dead child, kissing the fingers that would never again clasp his, looking down upon the white lids that had closed over the bright eyes as the points of a sensitive flower close at night time over its delicate heart, and the world was nothing to him.

A Curious Case.

A curious gambling case came before the Bow street police court, in London, on the 10th of April, 1812. Two men, one tall and stout, the other short, were charged under the following remarkable circumstances: A Bow street officer named Croker was passing along the Hampstead road, when he observed the two prisoners at the top of a wall. A moment later he saw to his horror the tall man hanging by his neck from a lamp post attached to the wall, being that instant tied up and turned off by the short man. Croker rushed up to the spot, when the tall man fell to the ground, the head-scholar by which he was suspended, having fortunately given way. Croker produced his staff, said he was an officer, and demanded an explanation of the proceeding; the only reply he received to his inquiry being a violent blow on the nose from the tall man, which nearly knocked him backward. The short man ran away, but the officer, procuring aid, managed to capture both. They explained to the bench that they worked on canals. They had been tossing for money and afterward for their clothes. The tall man, who was hanged, won the other's jacket, trousers and shoes. They then agreed to toss up which should hang the other, and the short man won. They got upon the wall, and the tall man paid his debt of honour by allowing the short man to hang him. They both agreed in this; and the tall man said if he had won the toss, he would assuredly have hanged his friend.

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